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Chief, Policy and Compliance Division

Transmittal #66 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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1. Explanation of changes and related index updates of the CHAMPVA Policy Manual and filing instructions are in the following summary:

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<u>Master Table of Contents, (MTOC).</u> Changes policy title of Chapter 2, Section 30.11, <i>Phototherapy and Photochemotherapy (PUVA)</i> to <i>Photodynamic Therapy and Photochemotherapy (PUVA)</i> .	MTOC	15-16	MTOC	15-16
<u>Chapter 1, Section 2.6,</u> <i>Medicare.</i> Adds a new Definitions section to define Medicare Part A, Medicare Part B, Premium-free Medicare, and Premium HI Medicare.	1-2.6	1-5	1-2.6	1-5
<u>Chapter 2, Table of Contents.</u> Changes policy title of Chapter 2, Section 30.11, <i>Phototherapy and Photochemotherapy (PUVA)</i> to <i>Photodynamic Therapy and Photochemotherapy (PUVA)</i> .	TOC-2	11-12	TOC-2	11-12
<u>Chapter 2, Section 2.7,</u> <i>Stereotaxic (Stereotactic) Breast Biopsy.</i> Amends Procedure Codes and under Policy Considerations adds criteria for coverage for fine needle aspiration with or without imaging.	2-2.7	1-2	2-2.7	1-2
<u>Chapter 2, Section 14.7,</u> <i>Family Planning.</i> Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference; under Policy adds prescription contraceptives and prescription contraceptives used as emergency contraceptives and male	2-14.7	1-2	2-14.7	1-2

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and female surgical sterilization; and adds to Exclusions male and female reversal of a surgical sterilization procedure, the Essure® Intrafallopian Birth Control Device, spermicidal foams, jellies, and sprays not requiring a prescription, and services and supplies related to noncoital reproductive technologies such as artificial insemination, invitro fertilization and gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT).

**Chapter 2, Section 17.18**, *Mucus Clearance Devices*. Amends Procedure Code(s).

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**Chapter 2, Section 20.12**, *Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES) Devices*. Removes TRICARE Policy Manual reference; amends Procedure Code(s); under Policy adds NMES devices approved by FDA may be cost shared on an inpatient and outpatient basis for spinal cord injured (SCI) patients who have completed 32 physical therapy sessions and meet specific policy criteria; and under Exclusions adds NMES devices used by SCI patients who have cardiac pacemakers and defibrillators, severe scoliosis, irreversible contracture, autonomic dysreflexia, skin disease or cancer at the area of stimulation.

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**Chapter 2 Section 26.10**, *Radionuclide Imaging Procedures*. Removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference and under Policy adds a general category for each procedure and adds Indium<sup>111</sup>Pentetreotide (Octreoscan) Scintigraphy for the localization and monitoring of treatment of primary and metastatic neuroendocrine tumors.

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**Chapter 2, Section 30.6**, *Brachytherapy/Radiation Therapy*. Amends Procedure Code(s); adds to Policy Considerations beta radiation and intracoronary radiation therapy (gamma or beta) is covered for the prevention and management of individuals with in-stent restenosis of a native coronary artery; and under Exclusions adds

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situations when brachytherapy is not covered.

**Chapter 2, Section 30.11,** *Photodynamic Therapy And Photochemotherapy (PUVA)*. Changes policy title; removes 38 USC 1713 Authority and TRICARE Policy Manual reference; removes Effective Dates; and amends Procedure Code(s).

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**Chapter 2, Section 35.1,** *Female Genital System*. Under Exclusions adds Essure® Intrafallopian Tube Birth Control Device.

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**Codes Index.** Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in policies.

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**Subject Index.** Amended to update and include policies referenced in this transmittal.

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